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CLAIM OF: **FELICIA L. LADSON**
through her attorneys
Nicholas and Weeks
Attorneys at Law
23 North Avondale Road
Avondale Estates, Georgia 30032

For alleged injuries sustained as a result of an vehicular pursuit by a
City of Atlanta police officer on April 17, 2000, at Bouldercrest Road
near the intersection of Sargent Drive.

THIS ADVERSED REPORT IS APPROVED

BY: 
ROSALIND RUBENS NEWELL
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW - CLAIM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

Claim No. 99L0598

Date: 11/01/00

Claimant /Victim: FLECIA L. LADSON

BY: (ATTY:) Nicholas Weeks Attorneys at Law

Address: 23 North Avondale Road, Avondale Estates, Georgia 30032

Subrogation: Claim for Property loss \$ Bodily Injury \$ \$25,000

Date of Notice: 09/29/00 Method: Written, proper X Improper

Conforms to Notice: O.C.G.A. §36-33-5 X Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X

Date of Occurrence 04/17/00 Place: Bouldercrest Road near the intersection of Sargent Drive

Department Police Division:

Employee involved Office R.A. Dannenberg Disciplinary Action:

NATURE OF CLAIM: Claimant alleged that she sustained damages and injuries by Officer Dannenberg as a result of a vehicle pursuit during an attempted apprehension of a suspect. However, a municipal corporation shall not be liable for the torts of policemen or other officers engaged in the discharge of the duties imposed on them by law as set forth in O.C.G.A § 36-33-3.

INVESTIGATION:

Statements: City employee Claimant X Others Written Oral X

Pictures Diagrams Reports: Police Dept Report Other X

Traffic citations issued: City Driver Claimant Driver

Citation disposition: City Driver Claimant Driver

BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Function: Governmental X Ministerial

Improper Notice More than Six Months Other X Damages reasonable

City not involved Offer rejected Compromise settlement

Repair/replacement by Ins. Co. Repair/replacement by City Forces

Claimant Negligent City Negligent Joint Claim Abandoned

Respectfully submitted,


INVESTIGATOR - ALEXIS HOLMES

RECOMMENDATION:

Pay \$ Adverse X Account charged: 1A01 2J01 2H01

Claims Manager:  Concur/date 11-02-00

Committee Action: Council Action

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Joe A. Weeks, P.C.

September 27, 2000

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Certified Mail # 7099 3400 0016 6781 6126

Honorable William Campbell
Mayor, City of Atlanta
55 Trinity Avenue, SW, Suite 2400
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

Certified Mail #Z 596 844 009

Honorable Rob Pitts
President, Atlanta City Council
55 Trinity Avenue, SW, Suite 2900
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

RE: Felicia L. Ladson
Accident of April 17, 2000

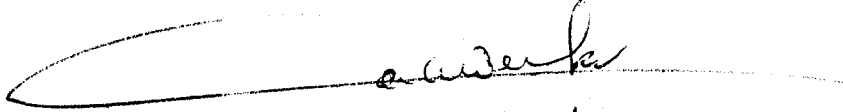
Dear Mayor Campbell & Mr. Pitts:

I represent Felicia L. Ladson who is asserting a claim against the City of Atlanta for injuries sustained on April 17, 2000. This notice is presented in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 36-33-5.

On April 17, 2000, Officer R.A. Dannenberg engaged in a dangerous pursuit of a vehicle on Bouldercrest Road near its intersection with Sargent Drive. Officer Dannenberg's pursuit of a vehicle caused multiple collisions, one of which resulted in property damage and injuries to my client, Felicia L. Ladson. Officer Dannenberg negligently engaged in a high-speed pursuit and negligently contributed to another vehicle running into Ms. Ladson's vehicle. Officer Dannenberg operated his vehicle too fast for conditions in violation of O.C.G.A. § 40-6-181. Officer Dannenberg failed to keep a proper lookout and failed to keep his vehicle under control. Further, Officer Dannenberg violated the City of Atlanta's pursuit policy. Further, Officer Dannenberg violated the police protocol by investigating the resulting collisions, himself, and not asking an independent law enforcement agency to investigate the collisions. Ms. Ladson suffered severe injuries to her face, back, neck and shoulder and continues to suffer from dizziness, stiffness in her joints and severe headaches as a result of the collision. Ms. Ladson has

Demand is made, on behalf of Ms. Ladson, in the amount of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) on the City of Atlanta.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe A. Weeks", written over a horizontal line.

Joe A. Weeks

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